



If God were here, wouldn't He stop this?

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus is God; therefore, He is Lord.

²... "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again..."

¹² "I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:2-3, 12-17 (NIV)

- **Humanity is caught in a web of selfishness and sin that leads to brokenness and death.**
- **The good news of Jesus is that Jesus has the power to remove the curse of sin and give new life to all who trust in Him.**
- **We must keep in mind the heavenly story that God is writing through our earthly circumstances.**

¹¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.)³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

John 11:1-5 (NIV)

God's love for us doesn't mean bad things won't happen to us.

⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

John 11:6-7 (NIV)

Jesus shows us the love that God has for all humanity.

John 11:17-37

Jesus' response to Martha:

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:23-26 (NIV)

Jesus' response to Mary:

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.³⁵ Jesus wept.

John 11:33-35 (NIV)

John 19:40-44

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30 (NIV)

Resurrection & Life

WEEK EIGHT



THE SEVEN CLAIMS OF JESUS

Through Jesus' selfless death that displays God's love to the world, God saves all who trust in Jesus by giving us a new way to become human again.

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA

Sin, suffering, and death don't win when we are born again.

- Jesus' resurrection guarantees new life to those who trust in Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord.
- To be born again means to have new life in Christ.

When we see or experience evil and suffering we can trust in Jesus as the resurrection and the life.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

"In this world, you will have trouble..."

This is the promise Jesus made to all humanity. Jesus is pointing out something we all know to be true but also something that can be a stumbling block because we don't want it to be this way.

Why would God allow this to happen? Where was God when the worst thing imaginable happened? What does God have to say for himself?

God sent His son, Jesus, into the world to be the answer. Jesus is the answer to all our questions. Jesus is the answer to our doubts. Jesus is the answer because Jesus is the resurrection and the life and in Him we find life.

Jesus can take our doubts, our questions, and our sins upon His shoulders. He died the perfect death that was for us and rose again on the third day for you and me because the sacrificial love of God is the answer and His name is Jesus.

So the questions become why wouldn't you trust in Jesus? Where do you place your faith? What do His death and resurrection mean to you? What is stopping you from repenting and trusting in Him?

TALK IT OVER:

How does it feel to know that Jesus died for you?

What questions are you asking that you aren't looking to Jesus for the answers?

What is keeping you or has kept you from completely surrendering to Christ as Lord and Savior?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Day 1) Matthew 28:1-7

Day 2) John 20:11-21; Luke 24:13-32

Day 3) Luke 24:33-41; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Day 4) John 20:19-25-31

Day 5) Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 15:6-8

Day 6) Acts 1:1-10